SUBJECT NO. 216.

Increase of pay, etc., to Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

Messrs. (1) K. S. Santhanam Iyengar, Closepet Municipality, and (2) B. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Anekal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons may be increased; and

(2) free-quarters may be provided for them.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 217.

Vaccination to be made compulsory in all the taluk headquarters.

Mr. Siddaramappa, Holalkere taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT NO. 218.

The Malnad Improvement Scheme.

Mr. Mir Mohamed Sab, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The cost of the scheme is excessive owing to the duplication of staff and though the chief need of the people is addition to their wealth, the Malnad Improvement Committee is doing nothing in this direction.

Another speaker prayed for the encouragement of construction of tiled houses and extension of the Malnad Scheme to the Sowlanga hobli of the Honnali taluk.

These suggestions were noted.

2. *Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao* urged that the Sakrepatna hobli of the Kadur taluk might also be brought under the scheme.

The Dewan promised consideration.

3. *Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao* observed that poverty was the chief cause of decline in the Malnad and that an economic survey of the Malnad might be undertaken.

The Dewan observed that the difficulty was known, but the question was what was to be done.

4. Another member observed that the rate of interest charged might be reduced.

The Dewan said that the scheme of Land Banks was under consideration.

5. *Mr. H. Rangaswami* talking with particular reference to the Manjarabad taluk made the following observations:—

(i) The *Jeetaga* system or serfdom was very baneful in its effects and might be done away with.

(ii) Coffee estates attracted all labour and agricultural lands therefore lay fallow. Cattle pounds in coffee estates were administered to the great detriment of the people.

(iii) Invariably European or Eurasian Police Inspectors usually posted to Manjarabad lack sympathy with the local people. Indian Inspectors should be posted more largely.

Asked what connection this had to do with the Malnad Improvement Scheme, *Mr. Rangaswami* said that